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Secretariat

Number of peons in the Secretariat.

*1751 Q.—Rao Sahib L. C. Guruswami: Will the hon. the Member for Revenue be pleased to state—

(a) how many peons are detailed for duty for in-door work of office sections in each department of the Secretariat;

(b) whether it is a fact that these peons are sent away on out-door work frequently leaving the section heads and clerks to do peon's work; and

(c) whether the Government have at any time tried the system of employing boy attendants to attend on section heads and clerks for in-door work as in the Madras Commercial Houses instead of adult peons, and with what result?

A.—(a) A statement [a] showing the sanctioned number of peons for office sections of the several departments of the Secretariat is appended.

(b) No. The provision made allows for one or two of the peons detailed for office duty in each department being sent out as messengers when occasion demands.

(c) No.

Settlement

Proposed levy of enhanced assessment in Malabar.

*1752 Q.—Mr. K. V. Suryanarayana Ayyar: Will the hon. the Member for Revenue be pleased to state—

(a) whether the Government propose to levy enhanced assessment in Malabar under the resettlement scheme on lands whose productive capacity has been increased as a result of improvements effected therein by the people concerned;

(b) if the answer to (a) is in the affirmative, on what basis is such enhanced assessment made and whether it is the same as in the case of lands, whose productive capacity has increased owing to natural causes; and

(c) whether the Government propose to assess all the waste lands in the district and, if so, at what rate and on what basis?

A.—(a) & (b) The attention of the hon. Member is invited to the answer to clauses (c) and (d) to question No. 179 answered on 9th August 1929 and to the supplementary questions and answers thereto.

(c) No such proposal is under the consideration of Government.

Wild Animals

Destruction of wild animals in South Kanara.

*1753 Q.—Mr. A. B. Shetty: Will the hon. the Member for Revenue be pleased to state—

(a) the number of cattle killed by wild animals in South Kanara in 1929; and

(b) the total amount of rewards given for killing tigers in South Kanara in 1929?

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[a] Printed as Appendix IV on page 939 infra.